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Filed	:	December 30, 2003	Group Art Unit: 3732
Title	:	HAND HELD ORAL IRRIGATOR	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §§1.97(b)(3) and 1.98 and STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS UNDER  
M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b)**

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In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following applications commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

- (1) U.S. patent application no. 09/557,808, filed April 25, 2000, abandoned; and
- (2) U.S. patent application no. 29/201,629 filed March 17, 2004, pending.

The following patents are not in the English language: DE2545936, DE2910982 and CH655237. English translations of the abstracts are attached to their patents, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

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If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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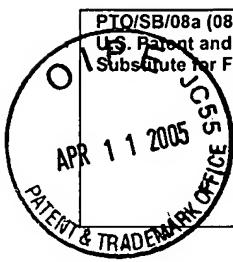
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